

# **AQMD's Legislative Goals & Objectives for 2011**

## **(Adopted by Governing Board on 12/3/10)**

### **Federal:**

#### ***Federal Clean Air Act Section 185***

Seek legislative or administrative clarification that would address potential inequities regarding Clean Air Act Section 185 fees for major stationary sources operating in areas that fail to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone by stipulated deadlines, including alternative fee equivalent programs under EPA's guidance. Pursue only to the extent needed if EPA otherwise does not derive an administrative solution.

#### ***Offsets***

Work with congressional and federal agency staff and other stakeholders to modernize federal offset requirements for areas where supply of offsets is inadequate, while furthering the pursuit of clean air objectives.

#### ***Surface Transportation***

Work with Congress; Federal, State and Local agencies; National Association of Clean Air Agencies; Business, Environmental, and Community groups; and other Stakeholders to:

- Seek and/or expand clean air funding opportunities under the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation (successor legislation to SAFETEA-LU) and other relevant funding reauthorizations;
- Enhance provisions of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation by expanding CMAQ funding, strengthening the air quality provisions in CMAQ, and providing a greater role for air agencies in transportation planning and programming, consistent with Board policy.

#### ***DERA***

Seek and expand Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding for this region, including federal appropriations and budget considerations, through legislation or administrative processes.

#### ***Technology Advancement***

Seek and expand funding opportunities for advanced technologies and clean air programs through federal appropriations, budget considerations, and stimulus funding opportunities for:

- Clean energy sources;
- Implementation of the 2007 AQMP and upcoming 2012 AQMP;
- Implementation of the Clean Communities Plan;
- Supporting environmental justice initiatives; and
- Clean aviation technologies, including low-carbon fuels, clean engines, and clean fuels research and development.

#### ***Marine Vessels***

Facilitate legislative or regulatory actions that reduce marine vessel emissions as needed to attain federal clean air standards by statutory deadlines.

***Locomotives***

Facilitate legislative or regulatory actions that reduce locomotive emissions as needed to attain clean air standards by statutory deadlines.

***Energy***

Support and/or possibly sponsor legislation to promote Board policies on energy, including those relating to alternative power generation, smart grid, and biomass fuels.

***AQMP***

Support legislation to ensure implementation of the 2007 AQMP and the upcoming 2012 AQMP, as needed.

***Sections 103 & 105***

Protect AQMD's permitting and enforcement authority and enhance AQMD's subvention funding under EPA Section 103 and 105 grants.

***Environmental Justice***

Support legislation to support environmental justice initiatives, in order to reduce localized health risks, to develop clean air technology that directly benefits disproportionately impacted communities, and to enhance community participation in the promotion of environmental justice.

***Climate Change***

Monitor any activities at the federal level pertaining to climate change legislation and bring such items before the Legislative Committee/Governing Board for establishment of policy positions.